THE

Aſſize of BREAD,

And other Aſſizes of

Weights and Meaſures,

Which, by the LAWS of this Realm, are commanded to be obſerv'd and kept by all

BAKERS,
BREWERS,
INNHOLDERS,
VICTUALERS,
VINTNERS,
BUTCHERS, &c.

Whereunto is added,

Several Good and Uſeful ORDERS in making and retailing all ſorts of Bread to HIS MAJESTY's Subjects.

Agreeing with all the Laws, Statutes, and Cuſtoms of England.

Newly Corrected and Enlarg'd from Twelve-pence the Quarter of Wheat to Three-pound Six-pence the Quarter, according to the Riſe and Fall of the Markets, by Six-pence *per* Quarter. Together with the Aſſize ſettled by Act of Parliament in the 8th Year of the Reign of our late Gracious Sovereign Qu. ANNE, of Bleſſed Memory.

ALSO,

The Ordering the CLERK of the MARKET's Office, and for Reformation of falſe Weights and Meaſures, according to the ſeveral Statutes in that behalf made.

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TO ALL MAGISTRATES, And Others *His Majesty's Officers.*

Courteous READER,

FOrasmuch as in my last Book made for the Assize of Bread, which was grounded and drawn (by a Tryal made) from the poize of the very Grain of Wheat, and the perfect Liquor which season'd the same, there was no Allowance given for the Bakers, either in respect of their baking, nor for any other needful Charges belonging to the same Mystery, but the same Allowance was refer'd to the Discretion of all such Magistrates and Officers as should have Authority to examin therein, according to the Dearth and Cheapness of all things thereunto necessary, as the Time and Place where any such Baker should inhabit requir'd; as in and by my said Book it plainly appeareth.

And now, forasmuch as divers Officers, by reason of their Unskilfulness and want of Knowledge, do not afford the Bakers such sufficient Allowances therein as are answerable to all the Charges of baking at this Day, whereby some Questions are made between the said Officers and Bakers concerning that Matter; I have therefore, at this present, thought it good not only to revoke my said Book (in respect of the said Assize of Bread only) but, to my great pains and trouble, to draw and publish this new one, for

the good and true Aſſize of all ſorts of Bread now by the Laws vendible unto the King's Majeſty's Subjects in the Commonwealth, deriving the ſame, in every ſort, according to the Law: That is to ſay, that the half-penny Cocket, and the penny Cocket, made of the ſecond priz'd Wheat: The half-penny Wheaten Loaf, the penny Wheaten Loaf, and the penny Houſhold Loaf, taking their Ground or Aſſize from the courſe Cocket of ſeven Pound, twelve Pence, according to the Statute in that behalf made, in the one and fiftieth Year of the Reign of King HENRY the Third: And altho' the ancient Cuſtom and Order of this Realm hath been, that three half-penny worth of White Bread ſhould always weigh one penny worth of Wheaten Bread; and one penny worth of Houſhold Bread ſhould juſtly weigh two penny worth of White Bread, (as it appeareth by divers old and ancient Aſſize-Books heretofore ſet forth:) Yet the ſaid Statute made in the one and fiftieth Year of the Reign of King HENRY the Third, ſheweth, That the fineſt ſort of White Bread ſhould be drawn from the fine Cocket of ſix Pound eighteen Shillings, mention'd in the ſaid Statute, which differeth ſomewhat from the courſe Cocket of ſeven Pound, twelve Pence, and is ſomewhat leſs in Aſſize than after the rate of the ſaid courſe Cocket aforeſaid: Which Law I have follow'd in this my Book, (omitting the odd Fractions in Money, which are very ſmall, and under the Value of one half-penny weight) whereby every Officer may perfectly diſcern and know what every ſort of Bread ſhould weigh in true Proportion and Rate, and how to Aſſize the Bakers in all ſorts of their Bread, according to the ſame Law, together with ſuch Allowance towards their Charges for every Quarter baking, as is very reaſonable and requiſite therefore to be made and allow'd, whereby all Difficulty and Queſtions hereafter may be avoided; but alſo have drawn the ſame to a greater and higher Proportion in the Prizes of the Quarter of Wheat than heretofore it hath been, as by the ſaid Rates it doth plainly appear, beginning the ſame at Twelve-pence the

Bread drawn from the courſe Cocket, Anno 51. *Hen.* 3.

The fine Cocket.

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the Quarter of Wheat, and so raising the said Assize by Six-pence, encreasing in the Quarter of Wheat to three Pound Six-pence the Quarter. And whereas it plainly appeareth by the old Assize-Book (yet to be seen) set forth and publish'd in the twelfth Year of the Reign of King Henry the Seventh, being above one hundred Years past, That every Baker should then be allow'd two Shillings for all manner of Charges in baking a Quarter of Wheat, over and above the second price of Wheat in the Market, by the which he ought to size his Bread: Which two Shillings was allow'd in this manner.

Assize calculated unto three Pound Six pence the Quarter of Wheat.

When Wheat was sold for twelve Shillings the Quarter, the Baker should bake after fourteen Shillings the Quarter. And at fourteen Shillings the Quarter, he should bake after sixteen Shillings the Quarter, as in the said Book of Assize is to be seen. And forasmuch as I do find, and it most plainly appeareth to the Judgment of all indifferent Men, (by comparing the times now present with the times of one hundred Years past) that at the publishing of the said old Assize-Book, all manner of Charges, and other things necessary, belonging to the said Mystery of Baking, were far cheaper than now they are, *viz.* Fuel, Yest, Servants Wages, House-rents, and Charges of Hospitality; and so generally of many other sorts of things: And forasmuch as also divers Tryals, which of late I have caus'd to be made by Wheat taken in divers Counties of this Realm of *England*, not only in the View of mine own Eyes, but also in the Presence of expert and skilful Men in the Assizing of Bread, it doth manifestly and plainly appear, that the Bakers at that time might much easier, and with less charge of Servants, have bak'd a Quarter of Wheat than now they can (altho' the same Tryals differ somewhat one from the other, by reason only of the diversities of the goodness of Wheat) I do therefore think it highly necessary and convenient, for the better information of all Magistrates and Officers, as aforesaid, that the Bakers of Cities, Boroughs, and Corporate Towns, where

The Charges in baking greater now than heretofore it hath been.

Tryals made by Wheat of divers Countries.

Difference in the goodness of Wheat.

Allowance for the Bakers of the City, &c.

where the three ſorts of Bread, *viz.* White, Wheaten, and Houſhold are uſually baked and ſold, ſhall have ſix Shillings in Allowance for the baking of every Quarter of Wheat over and above the ſecond Price of Wheat in the Market, by the which they ought to be ſiz'd, becauſe of their great and daily Charges, and in bearing of Scot and Lot within the ſame Cities, Boroughs, and Towns Corporate, for every Impoſition frequently laid upon them: Which ſix Shillings is to be allow'd according to the ſame former Allowance in the ſaid twelfth Year of the Reign of King HENRY the Seventh aforeſaid, in this manner, *viz.* When the ſecond Wheat is at twelve Shillings the Quarter, the Baker is to bake after eighteen Shillings the Quarter: And the ſecond Wheat being at eighteen Shillings the Quarter, he is to bake after twenty-four Shillings the Quarter: And ſo in like manner as the Price of the Quarter of the ſecond Wheat ſhall riſe and encreaſe. And alſo, that all Bakers inhabiting out of Cities, Boroughs, and Towns Corporate, or in Cities, Boroughs, and Towns Corporate, where but two of the ſorts of Bread, *viz.* White and Houſhold, are uſually bak'd and ſold, ſhall have four Shillings in Allowance for their Charges in baking of every Quarter of Wheat over and above the Price of the ſecond Wheat in the Market, as aforeſaid, whereby they ought to be ſiz'd, and no more.

Allowance for Bakers of the Countries.

By which good means the Magiſtrates may (in their Offices) be eaſed, the true Aſſize of Bread duly kept, and HIS MAJESTY'S Subjects the better ſerv'd.

And thus having beſtow'd my Labour and Good-will for thy Pleaſure and Profit, I deſire thy favourable and friendly Conſtruction and Cenſure; requeſting, That if any Default hath happen'd to eſcape in the publiſhing of this my Work, thou wouldſt vouchſafe the correcting of the one, and the friendly acceptance of the other. And thus I leave thee to the ALMIGHTY'S Protection.

JOHN POWEL, *Gent.*

The

The PREFACE to the

READER.

THE Means have been manifold in all Ages (most loving Reader) which Authority by Reason hath establish'd in the variable, yet orderly Government of States and People, for the holding them in that most loving and Member-like Duty which one part oweth unto others, and every one of them to the Conversation of the whole Body in best estate. Among which, This hath had his special place, that in the common and still-continuing Commerce, and interchangeable Traffick passing between Man and Man, Country and Country, each hath been limitted to others reasonable liking, by a due Observation of such Assize in the matter of true Weight and Measure, as by general Consent hath been commended to particular Practice. Now although Reason it self may in this behalf seem a sufficient School-Mistress to every Man not regenerate, yet when for the needful use of this Equity, the Author both of Reason and holy Religion shall commend and command it to be carefully kept of all such as profess themselves to be his People, (and that under the Penalty of most fearful Execrations to the Violaters of the same) how ought every Christian Man to be carry'd with a Conscience of Duty herein, upon which, no doubt, the most lawful and wholsom Constitutions of this my native Country of England *were first founded, and still do stand built! And therefore presenteth unto every true, natural, and loyal Subject of the same (even as he oweth Obedience to his most dread Sovereign, not so much for Fear, as Conscience sake)*

a plain Path truly tending to this kind of Juſtice, which many, always ſeeking to themſelves, do ſeldom practice towards others: For the avoiding of whoſe common, though oftentimes moſt untrue Excuſe herein, in alledging their Ignorance of the Laws to be the reaſon of their Diſobedience, I have drawn together ſuch Acts, Statutes, and Ordinances, as have been ordain'd and us'd in ſundry Kings Reigns, and now allow'd by the Honourable in Authority: Moſt apt and proper for the warranting of all lawful Aſſize both in Weight and Meaſure, which are to be us'd at this day, and within this Realm; eſpecially ſuch as concern the Bakers, Brewers, and Inholders Directions. The not obſerving whereof, upon ſo manifeſt and plain a Publiſhing, what ſhall it elſe but note unto us the Men of worſt mark, whether we reſpect their Conſcience towards GOD, *or their virtuous Converſation in a Chriſtian Commonwealth? And if all Laws eſtabliſh'd by lawful Authority, not repugning the Laws of* GOD, *are to be embrac'd by Chriſtian Subjects in a conſcionable Obedience, by what Excuſe then do they think to come off, who perſiſt in ſuch wilful Diſobedience as directly contradicteth both* GOD's *and Man's Laws at once? Of which nature theſe are, that command the true Obſervation of Weight and Meaſure between Man and Man. In the Book of* Leviticus, *thus we read:* You ſhall not do unjuſtly in Judgment, in Line, Weight, or Meaſure: You ſhall have juſt Ballances and true Weights. *In the Book of* Deuteronomy *thus:* Thou ſhalt not have in thy Bag divers Weights, a great and a ſmall, neither ſhalt thou have in thy Houſe divers Meaſures, a great and a ſmall: But thou ſhalt have a right and juſt Weight; a perfect and a juſt Meaſure ſhalt thou have. *Again in the Proverbs,* Falſe Ballances are an abomination to the LORD, but a perfect Weight pleaſeth Him. *Alſo in the firſt Epiſtle to the* Theſſalonians *thus it*

Lev. 19. 35, 36.

Deut. 25. 13, 14, 15.

Prov. 11. 1.

is written, Let no Man defraud his Brother in any thing, 1 Thes. 4. 6.
(*as every one doth that uſeth falſe Weight or Meaſure*) for the LORD is a Revenger of ſuch things. *By all which places, and many others that might be cited out of Sacred Scriptures, it appeareth how ſpecially this uprightneſs in the uſe of Weight and Meaſure hath ever been enjoyn'd by* GOD *Himſelf for a continual Practice among His People: And therefore moſt ſhameleſs are they before Men, and no leſs deſperate in deſpiſing the revenging Hand of* GOD, *who, beſides the Penalties provided by civil Authority for the holding them in awe, dare go on in ſo manifeſt Contempt of His fearful Threats. Leaving therefore theſe Deſpiſers to the diſpoſing Hand of the* ALMIGHTY, *either in Mercy to amend them, or in Juſtice to condemn them, I commend this little Pamphlet (ſhrouded under* GOD's *and my Country's Laws) to the reading and regarding of the Common, yet more conſcionable ſort of Subjects in the ſame, as unto whoſe uſual Trades (ſtanding for the moſt part upon Weight and Meaſure) the Practice thereof moſt properly appertaineth, and for whoſe ſakes I have ſatisfy'd my well meaning, in delivering them the Truth rather homely than handſomly; like as their following the ſame ought to be in a plain true dealing, and not in a crafty ſubtil deceiving: Which being the fruit that I hope will enſue my poor Pains-taking herein (as a well-pleaſing Taſte both to* GOD *and Man) I will only content my ſelf with Expectation of ſuch Reward; committing the good* Reader *to the Conduct of that* SPIRIT, *that is only able, and always ready to prepare thee for every good Duty, and perform the ſame in thee according to thy proper Place and Calling.*

JOHN POWEL, *Gent.*

He that giveth Measure, God blesseth with Treasure

It makes a poor Man To sell flour for bran.

Look well to thy season, With cunning and reason.

Be just with thy weights, God plagues false sleights

The Price of the Quarter of Wheat.	The weight of the halfpenny white Loaf drawn from the fine Cocket, *ann.* 51 *H.* 3.	The weight of the penny white Loaf, drawn from the fine Cocket, *ann.* 51 *H.* 3.	The weight of the halfpenny white Loaf drawn from the course Cocket, *ann.* 51 *H.* 3.
xii d.	Cxlb ℥, di. ii d.	CCCxxxi ℥, ib d.	Clxvi ℥, ib d.
xviii d.	Cx ℥, q. iii d.	CCxx ℥, iii q. i d.	Cxii ℥, iii q. i d.
ii s.	lxxii ℥, iii q. i d.	Clxb ℥, di. ii d.	lxxxib ℥, di. ii d.
ii s. vi d.	lxvi ℥, ib d.	Cxxxii ℥, q. iii d.	lxvii ℥, di. iii d.
iii s.	lb ℥, ib d.	Cx ℥, q. iii d.	lxvi ℥, q. iii d.
iii s. vi d.	xlviii ℥, q. i d.	xcib ℥, di. ii d.	xlviii ℥, q. i d. ob.
iv s.	xli ℥, q. iii d.	lxxxii ℥, iii q. i d.	xliii ℥, q. i d.
iv s. vi d.	xxxvi ℥, iii q. i d.	lxxii ℥, di. ii d.	xxxvii ℥, di. ii d.
v s.	xxxiii ℥, i d.	lxvi ℥, ii d.	xxxiii ℥, iii q. i d.
v s. vi d.	xxx ℥, i d.	lx ℥, ii d.	xxx ℥, iii q.
vi s.	xxvii ℥, di. ii d.	lb ℥, ib d.	xxviii ℥, iii d.
vi s. vi d.	xxv ℥, q. ib d. ob.	l ℥ iii q. ib d.	xxvi ℥, ob.
vii s.	xxiii ℥, di. iii d.	xlvii ℥, q. i d.	xxib ℥, iii d.
vii s. vi d.	xxii ℥, i d.	xliv ℥, ii d.	xxi ℥, di. i d.
viii s.	xx ℥, di. ib d.	xli ℥, q. iii d.	xxi ℥, iii d.
viii s. vi d.	xix ℥, q. ib d. ob.	xxxviii ℥, q. ib d.	xix ℥, iii q. iii d.

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God bleſſeth true Labour, With Plenty and Favour. | Be ſtill quick and kind, Reward thou ſhalt find. | Prick not at thy pleaſure, But give honeſt meaſure. | Be watchful and wiſe, In Goodneſs to riſe.

The weight of the penny white Loaf according to the courſe Cocket, *ann.* 51 *H.* 3.	The weight of the half-penny Wheaten Loaf drawn from the *courſe* Cocket, 51 *H.* 3.	The weight of the penny Wheaten Loaf drawn from the *courſe* Cocket, *ann.* 51 *H.* 3.	The weight of the penny houſhold Loaf drawn from the *courſe* Cocket, *ann.* 51 *H.* 3.
Cccxxxviii ℥, q. 3 d	CCliii ℥, iii q. i d.	Ccccxvii ℥, di. ii d.	viClxxvi ℥, iii q. i d
Ccxxv ℥, di. ii d.	Clxix ℥, iv d.	Ccccxxxviii ℥, iii d.	CCCCli ℥, q. iv d.
Clxix ℥, iv d.	Cxxvi ℥, iii q. iii d.	Ccliii ℥, iii q. i d.	Ccccxxxviii ℥ q 3 d
Cxxxv ℥, q. i d.	Ci ℥, di.	Cciii ℥.	Cclxx ℥, di. ii d.
Cxii ℥, iii q. i d.	lxxxiv ℥, di. ii d.	Cxix ℥, iv d.	Ccxxv ℥, di. ii d.
xCv ℥, di. iii d.	lxxii ℥, di.	Cxlv ℥.	Cxciii ℥, q. i d.
lxxxiv ℥, di. ii d.	lxiii ℥, q. iv. d.	Cxxvi ℥, iii q. iii d.	Clxix ℥, iv d.
lxxv ℥, iv d.	lvi ℥, q. iii d.	Cxii ℥, iii q. i d.	Cl ℥, q. iii d.
lxvii ℥, di. ii d.	l ℥, iii q.	Ci ℥, di.	Cxxxv ℥, q. iv d.
lxi ℥, di.	xlv ℥, di. ob.	xci ℥, i d.	Cxxiii ℥.
lvi ℥, q. iii d.	xlii ℥, q. i d.	lxxxiv ℥, di. ii d.	Cxii ℥, iii q. i di.
lii ℥, i d.	xxxix ℥.	lxxviii d.	Civ ℥, ii d.
xlviii ℥, q. i d.	xxxvi ℥, q.	lxxii ℥, di.	xcvi ℥, di. ii d.
xlv ℥, ii d.	xxxiii ℥, iii q. i d. ob	lxvii ℥, di. iii d.	xc ℥, iv d.
xlii ℥, q. i d.	xxxi ℥, di. iv d. ob.	lxiii ℥, q. iv d.	lxxxiv ℥, di. ii d.
xxxix ℥, iii q. i d.	xxix ℥, iii q. ii d.	lix ℥, di. iv d.	lxxix ℥, di. ii d.

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God blesseth with Treasure.

It makes a poor Man
To sell Flour for Bran.

Look well to thy Season,
With cunning and reason

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ix s.	xviii ℥, q. iii d.	xxxvi ℥, q. iii. i d.	xviii ℥, iii q. i d.
ix s. vi d.	xvii ℥, q. iii d.	xxxiv ℥, iii q. iii d.	xvii ℥, iii q. i d.
x s.	xvi ℥, di. ii d.	xxxiii ℥, iv d.	xvi ℥, iii q. iii d.
x s. vi. d.	xv ℥, iii q.	xxxi ℥, di.	xvi ℥, ii d.
xi s.	xv ℥, i d.	xxx ℥, ii d.	xv ℥, q. ii d.
xi s. vi d.	xiv ℥, q. iii d.	xxviii ℥, iii q. i d.	xiv ℥, di. iv d.
xii s.	xiii ℥, iii q. i d.	xxvii ℥, di. ii d.	xiii ℥, ii d.
xii s. vi d.	xiii ℥, iv d.	xxvi ℥, q. iii d.	xiii ℥, di. ob.
xiii s.	xii ℥, di. iv d.	xxv. ℥, q. iii d.	xiii ℥.
xiii s. vi d.	xii ℥, q.	xxiv ℥, di.	xii ℥, di. ob.
xiv s.	xi ℥, iii q. i d.	xxiii ℥, di. ii d.	xii ℥, i d. d. ob.
xiv s. vi d.	xi ℥, q. iii d.	xxii ℥, iii q. i d.	xi ℥, di. iii d.
xv s.	xi ℥.	xxii ℥.	xi ℥, q. ob.
xv s. vi d.	℥, di. iii d.	xxi ℥, q. i d.	x ℥, ii q. iii d.
xvi s.	℥, q. ii d.	xx ℥, di. iv d.	x ℥, di. i d. ob.
xvi s. vi d.	x ℥, di.	xx ℥.	x ℥, q.

God blesseth true Labour with Plenty and Favour.

Be skill quick, and kind, Regard thou soule finde

Prick not at thy pleasure, But give honest measure.

Be watchful [illegible] To Godliness [illegible]

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xxxvii ʒ, di. ii d.	xxviii ʒ, iv d.	lvi ʒ, q. iii d.	lxxv ʒ, iv d.
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xxxiii ʒ, iii q. i d.	xxv ʒ, q. ii d.	l ʒ, di. ii. i d.	lxvii ʒ di. ii d.
xxxii ʒ, iv d.	xxiv ʒ, iii d.	xlviii ʒ, q. i d.	lxiv ʒ, q. iv d.
xxx ʒ, di q. iv d.	xxiii ʒ, i d.	xlvi ʒ, ii d.	lxii ʒ, q. iii d.
xxix ʒ. q. iv d.	xxii ʒ, i d.	xliv ʒ, ii d.	lviii ʒ, iii q. i d.
xxviii ʒ, iv d.	xxi ʒ, iii d.	xlii ʒ, q. i d.	lvi ʒ, q. iii d.
xxvii ʒ, i. xx.	xx ʒ, q. i d.	xl ʒ, di. ii d.	liv ʒ, ii d.
xxvi ʒ.	xix ʒ, di.	xxxix ʒ.	lii ʒ.
xxv ʒ, i d.	xviii ʒ, iii q. i d.	xxvii ʒ, di ii d.	l ʒ, ii d.
xxiv ʒ, iii d.	xviii ʒ, ii d.	xxxvi ʒ, iv d.	xlviii ʒ, q i d.
xxiii ʒ, q. i d.	xvii ʒ, di.	xxxv ʒ.	xlvi ʒ, di. ii d.
xxii ʒ, di. i d.	xvi ʒ, iii q. iii d.	xxxiii ʒ, iii q. i d.	xlv ʒ, ii d.
xxi ʒ, iii q. i d.	xvi ʒ, q. ii d.	xxxii ʒ, di. iv d.	xliii ʒ, di. iii d.
xx ʒ, iii d.	xv ʒ, iii q. ii d.	xxxi ʒ, di. iv d.	xlii ʒ, q. i d.
xx ʒ, di.	xv ʒ, q. ii d.	xxx ʒ, di. iv d	xli ʒ

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xvii s.	ix ℥ di. iv d.	xix ℥ q. iii d.	ix ℥ iii q. iv d.
xvii s. vi d.	ix ℥ q. iv d.	xviii ℥ iii q. iii d.	ix ℥ di. iii d.
xviii s.	ix ℥ iv d.	xviii ℥ q. iii d.	ix ℥ q. iii d
xviii s. vi d.	viii ℥ iii q. iii d.	xvii ℥ iii q. i d.	ix ℥ ii d. ob.
xix s.	viii ℥ di. iv d.	xvii ℥ q. iii d.	viii ℥ iii q. iii d.
xix s. vi d.	viii ℥ q. iv d.	xvi ℥ iii q. iii d.	viii ℥ di. iii d. ob.
xx s.	viii ℥ q.	xvi ℥ di.	viii ℥ q. iv d.
xx s. vi d.	viii ℥ i d.	xvi ℥ ii d.	viii ℥ q.
xxi s.	vii ℥ iii q. ii d.	xv ℥ di. iv d.	viii ℥ i d.
xxi s. vi d.	vii ℥ di. iv d.	xv ℥ q. iii d.	vii ℥ iii q. ii d.
xxii s.	vii ℥ di. ob.	xv ℥.	vii ℥ di. iii d.
xxii s. vi d.	vii ℥ q. ii d.	xiv ℥ di. iv d.	vii ℥ di.
xxiii s.	vii ℥ iv q.	xiv ℥ q. iii d.	vii ℥ q. ii d.
xxiii s. vi d.	vii ℥.	xiv ℥.	vii ℥ q. iv d.
xxiv s.	vi ℥ iii q. iii d.	xiii ℥ iii q. i d.	vii ℥ i d.
xxiv s. vi d.	xi ℥ iii q.	xiii ℥ di.	vi ℥ iii q. iii d.

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xlx ℥, iiij q. iij d.	xiv ℥, iiij q. iij d.	xxix ℥, iij q.	xxxix ℥, iij q. i d.
xlx ℥, q. i d.	xiv ℥, di.	xxix ℥.	xxxviij ℥, di. ij d.
xviij ℥, iij q. i d.	xiv ℥, ij d.	xxviij ℥, iv d.	xxxvij ℥, di. ij d.
xviij ℥, q.	xiij ℥, di. iiij d.	xxvij ℥, q. iij d.	xxxvj ℥, di.
xvij ℥, iij q. i d.	xiij ℥, q. ij d.	xxvi ℥, di. iv d.	xxxv di. ij d.
xvij ℥, q. ij d.	xiij ℥.	xxvi ℥.	xxxiv ℥, di. iv d.
xvi ℥, iij q. iij d.	xij ℥, di. iij d.	xxv ℥, q. i d.	xxxiij ℥, iij q. i d.
xvi ℥, di.	xij ℥, q. ij d.	xxiv ℥, di. iv d.	xxxiij ℥.
xvi ℥, ij d.	xij ℥, i d.	xxiv ℥, ij d.	xxxij ℥, iv d.
xv ℥, di. iv d.	xi ℥, iij q. i d.	xxiij ℥, di. ij d.	xxxi ℥, q. iij d.
xv ℥, q. i d.	xi ℥, di.	xxiij ℥.	xxx ℥, di. ij d.
xv ℥.	xi ℥, q.	xxij ℥, ij d.	xxx ℥.
xiv ℥, di. iv d.	xi ℥.	xxij ℥.	xxix ℥, q. iij d.
xiv ℥, q. iij d.	x ℥, iij q. i d.	xxi ℥, di. ij d.	xxviij ℥, iij q. i d.
xiv ℥, ij d.	x ℥, di. i d.	xxi ℥, ij d.	xxviij ℥, iv d.
xiv ℥, iij q. ij d.	x ℥, q. ij d.	xx ℥, di. iv d.	xxvij ℥, ij d.

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xxb s.	vi ℥, di. ii d.	iii ℥, iiii d.	vi ℥, iii q.
xxb s. vi d.	vi ℥, q. iiii d.	xii ℥, iii q. i d.	vi ℥, di. ii d. ob.
xxvi s.	vi ℥, q. ii d.	xii ℥, di. iiii d.	vi ℥, di.
xxvi s. vi d.	vi ℥, iiii d.	xii ℥, q. iii d.	vi ℥, q. ii d. ob.
xxvii s.	vi ℥ ii d.	xii ℥, iiii d.	vi ℥, q.
xxvii s. vi d.	vi ℥.	xii ℥.	vi ℥, iii d.
xxviii s.	v ℥, iii q. i d.	xi ℥, di. ii d.	vi ℥, ob.
xxviii s. vi d.	v ℥, iii q.	xi ℥, di. i d.	v ℥, iii q. iii d. ob.
xxix s.	v ℥, di. iiii d.	xi ℥, q. iii d.	v ℥, iii q. i d. ob.
xxix s. vi d.	v ℥, di. ii d.	xi ℥, iiii d.	v ℥, di. iiii d. ob.
xxx s.	v ℥, di.	xi ℥.	v ℥, di. ii d. ob.
xxx s. vi d.	v ℥, q. iii d.	x ℥, iii q. i d.	v ℥, di. ob.
xxxi s.	v ℥, q. i d.	x ℥, di. ii d.	v ℥, q. iiii d.
xxxi s. vi d.	v ℥, q.	x ℥, di.	v ℥, q. ii d.
xxxii s.	v ℥, iii d. ob.	x ℥, q. i d.	v ℥, q. ob.
xxxii s. vi d.	v ℥, i d. ob.	x ℥, iii d.	v ℥, iiii d.

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xiii ℥, di.	x ℥, iii d.	xx ℥, q. i d.	xxvii ℥
xiii ℥, q.	ix ℥, iii q. iv d.	xix ℥, iii q. iii d.	xxvi ℥, di.
xiii ℥	ix ℥, iii q.	xix ℥, di.	xxvi ℥
xii ℥, iii q.	ix ℥, di. i d.	xix ℥, iii d.	xxv ℥, di.
xii ℥, di	ix ℥, q. iii d.	xviii ℥, iii q. i d.	xxv ℥, i d.
xii ℥, q. i d.	ix ℥, iv d.	xviii ℥, q iii d.	xxiv ℥, di ii d.
xii ℥, i d.	ix ℥	xviii ℥	xxiv ℥, ii d.
xi ℥, iii q. i d.	viii ℥, iii q. iii d.	xvii ℥, iii q. i d.	xxiii ℥, di. iv d.
xi ℥, di. iii d.	viii ℥, iii q.	xvii ℥, di.	xxiii ℥, q. i d.
xi ℥, q. iv d.	viii ℥, q. ii d.	xvi ℥, di. iv d.	xxii ℥, iii q. ii d.
xi ℥, q.	viii ℥, q. iv d.	xvi ℥, iii q. iii d.	xxii ℥, i di.
xi ℥, i d.	viii ℥, i q. d.	xvi ℥, di. ii d.	xxii ℥, ii d.
x ℥, iii q. iii d.	viii ℥, iii d.	xvi ℥, q. i d.	xxi ℥, iii q. i d.
x ℥, di. iv d.	viii ℥, i d.	xvi ℥, ii d.	xxi ℥, q. iii d.
x ℥, di. i d.	vii ℥, iii q. iii d.	xv ℥, iii q. i d.	xxi ℥, ii d.
x ℥, q. iii d.	vii ℥, iii q. i d.	xv ℥, di. ii d.	xx ℥, iii q. i d.

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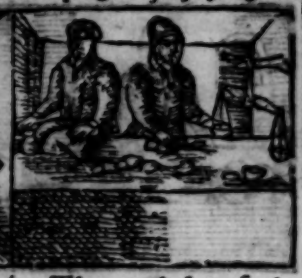

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xxxiii s.	v ℥, ob.	x ℥, i d.	v ℥, ii d. ob.
xxxiii s. vi d.	iv ℥, iii q. iii d.	ix ℥, iii q. i d.	v ℥, iii q. i d. ob.
xxxiv s.	iv ℥, iii q. ii d.	ix ℥, di. iv d.	iv ℥, iii q. iii d. ob.
xxxiv s. vi d.	iv ℥, iii q. i d.	ix ℥, di. ii d.	iv ℥, iii q. iii d.
xxxv s.	iv ℥, di. ii d. ob.	ix ℥, q. i d.	iv ℥, iii q. i d. ob.
xxxv s. vi d.	iv ℥, di. iii d.	ix ℥, q.	iv ℥, iii q.
xxxvi s.	iv ℥, di. ii d.	ix ℥, iv d.	iv ℥, di. iv q.
xxxvi s. vi d.	iv ℥, di.	ix ℥.	iv ℥, di. ii d. ob.
xxxvii s.	v ℥, q iv d.	viii ℥, iii q. i d.	iv ℥, di. i d.
xxxvii s. vi d.	iv ℥, iv d.	viii ℥, i q. iii d.	iv ℥, di.
xxxviii s.	iv ℥, q. ii d.	viii ℥, di. iv d.	iv ℥, q. iv d.
xxxviii s. vi d.	iv ℥, q. i d.	viii ℥, di. ii d.	iv ℥, q. iii d.
xxxix s.	iv ℥, iv d.	viii ℥ q. iii d.	iv ℥, q i d. ob.
xxxix s. vi d.	iv ℥, iii d.	vi ℥, q. i d.	iv ℥, q.
xl s.	iv ℥, ii d.	viii ℥, iv d.	iv ℥, iv d ob.
xl s. vi d.	iv ℥, i d.	viii ℥, ii d.	iv ℥, iii d. ob.

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x ℥. q.	vii ℥, dí. iii d.	xv ℥, q. i d.	xx ℥, dí.
x ℥, iii d.	vii ℥, dí. i d. ob.	xv ℥, iii d.	xx ℥, q. i d.
ix ℥, iii q. iv d.	vii ℥, q. ii d.	xiv ℥, dí. iv d.	xix ℥, iii q. iii d.
ix ℥, iii q. i d.	vii ℥, q. ob.	xiv ℥, dí. ii d.	xix ℥, dí. ii d.
ix ℥, dí. iii d.	vii ℥, iv d.	xiv ℥, q. iii d.	xx ℥, q. i d.
ix ℥, dí.	vii ℥, ii d.	xiv ℥, iv d.	xix ℥.
ix ℥, q. iii d.	vii ℥, i d.	xiv ℥, ii d.	xviii ℥, iii q. i d.
ix ℥, q.	vi ℥, iii q. iv d.	xiii ℥, iii q iii d.	xviii ℥.
ix ℥, ii d.	vi ℥, iii q. ii d.	xiii ℥, dí. iv d.	xviii ℥, iiii d.
ix ℥.	vi ℥, iii q.	xiii ℥, dí.	xviii ℥.
viii ℥, iii q. iii d.	vi ℥, dí. iii d. ob.	xiii ℥, q. ii d.	xvii ℥, iii q. i d.
viii ℥, q. iii d.	vi ℥, dí. ii d.	xiii ℥, iv d.	xvii ℥, dí.
viii ℥, q. iii d.	vi ℥, q. iv d. ob.	xii ℥, iii q. iv d.	xvii ℥, q. i d.
viii ℥, dí.	vi ℥, q. iii d.	xii ℥, iii q. i d.	xvii ℥.
viii ℥, q. iv d.	vi ℥, q. ii d.	xii ℥, dí. ii d.	xvi ℥, iii q. iii d.
viii ℥, q. ii d.	vi ℥, q.	xii ℥, dí.	xvi ℥, dí. iiii d.

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xli s.	ix ʒ.	viii ʒ	ix ʒ, ii d. ob.
xli s. vi d.	iii ʒ, iii q. ix d.	vii ʒ, iii q. iii d.	ix ʒ, i d. ob.
xlii s.	iii ʒ, iii q. iii d.	vii ʒ, iii q. i d.	ix ʒ, ob.
xlii s. vi d.	iii ʒ, iii q. ii d.	vii ʒ, di. ix d.	iii ʒ, iii q. ix. d.
xliii s.	iii ʒ, iii q. i d.	vii ʒ, di. iii d.	iii ʒ, iii q. iii d. ob.
xliii s. vi d.	iii ʒ, iii q.	vii ʒ, di. ii d.	iii ʒ, iii q. ii d ob.
xliv s.	iii ʒ, iii q.	vii ʒ, di.	iii ʒ, iii q. i d. ob.
xliv s. vi d.	iii ʒ, di. ix d.	vii ʒ, q. iii d.	iii ʒ, iii q. i d.
xlv s.	iii ʒ, di. iii d.	vii ʒ, q. i d.	iii ʒ, iii q.
xlv s. vi d.	iii ʒ, di ii d. ob.	vii ʒ, q.	iii ʒ, di. ix d.
xlvi s.	iii ʒ, di. ii d.	vii ʒ, ix d.	iii ʒ, di. iii d. ob.
xlvi s. vi d.	iii ʒ, di. i d.	vii ʒ, ii d.	iii ʒ, di. ii d. ob.
xlvii s.	iii ʒ, di.	vii ʒ	iii ʒ, di. ii d.
xlvii s. vi d.	iii ʒ, q. ix d. ob.	vi ʒ, iii q. ix d.	iii ʒ, di. i d.
xlviii s.	iii ʒ, q. ix d.	vi ʒ, iii q. iii d.	iii ʒ, di. ob.
xlviii s. vi d.	iii ʒ, q. iii d.	vi ʒ, iii q. i d.	iii ʒ, q. ix d. ob.

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viii ℥, q.	vi ℥, iii d.	xii ℥, q. i d.	xvi ℥, di.
viii ℥, iii d.	vi ℥, ii d.	xii ℥, iv d.	xvi ℥, q. i d.
viii ℥, i d.	vi ℥.	xii ℥.	xvi ℥, ii d.
vii ℥, iii q. iii d.	v ℥, iii q. iv d.	xi ℥, iii q. iii d.	xv ℥, iii q. i d.
vii ℥, iii q. ii d.	v ℥, iii q. iii d.	xi ℥, iii q. i d.	xv ℥, di. iv d.
vii ℥, iii q.	v ℥, iii q. i d.	xi ℥, di. ii d.	xv ℥, di.
vii ℥, di. iii d.	v ℥, iii q.	xi ℥, di.	xv ℥, q. i d.
vii ℥, di. ii d.	v ℥, di. iii d.	xi ℥, q. i d.	xv ℥, iv d.
vii ℥, di.	v ℥, di. ii d.	xi ℥, iv d.	xv ℥.
vii ℥, q. ii d.	v ℥, di. i d.	xi ℥, ii d.	xiv ℥, iii q. i d.
vii ℥, q. iii d.	v ℥, di.	xi ℥.	xiv ℥, di. iv d.
vii ℥, b.	v ℥, q. iv d.	x ℥, iii q. iii d.	xiv ℥, di.
vii ℥, iv d.	v ℥, q. iii d.	x ℥, iii q. i d.	xiv ℥, q. iii d.
vii ℥, ii d.	v ℥, q. i d.	x ℥, di. ii d.	xiv ℥, iv d.
vii ℥, i d.	v ℥. q.	x ℥, di.	xiv ℥, ii d.
vii ℥, iii q. iv d.	v ℥, ii d.	x ℥, q. iii d.	xiii ℥, iii q. iii d.

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xlix s.	iii ℥, q. ii d. ob.	vi ℥, iii q.	iii ℥, q. iv d.
xlix s. vi d.	i.i ℥, q. ii d.	vi ℥, di. iv d.	iii ℥, q. iii d.
l s.	iii ℥, q. i d.	vi ℥, di ii d.	iii ℥, q. iii d. ob.
l s. vi d.	iii ℥, q.	vi ℥, di.	iii ℥, q. ii d.
li s.	iii ℥, iii d. ob.	vi ℥, q. iv d.	iii ℥, q. i d.
li s. vi d.	iii ℥, iv d.	vi ℥, q. iii d.	iii ℥, q. ob.
lii s.	iii ℥, iii d. ob.	vi ℥, q. ii d.	iii ℥, q.
lii s. vi d.	iii ℥, iii d.	vi ℥, q. i d.	iii ℥, q. iv d.
liii s.	iii ℥, ii d.	vi ℥, iv d.	iii ℥, iii d. ob.
liii s. vi d.	iii ℥, i d. ob.	vi ℥, iii d.	iii ℥, iii d.
liiii s.	iii ℥, i d.	vi ℥, ii d.	iii ℥. ii d. ob.
liiii s. vi d.	iii ℥, ob.	vi ℥, i d.	iii ℥, ii d.
lv s.	iii ℥.	vi ℥.	iii ℥, i d. ob.
lv s. vi d.	ii ℥, iii q. iv d. ob	v ℥, iii q. iv d.	iii ℥, ob.
lvi s.	ii ℥, iii q. iv d.	v ℥, iii q. iv d.	iii ℥.
lvi s. vi d.	ii ℥, iii q. iii d. ob	v ℥, iii q. ii d	ii ℥, iii q. iv d.

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vi ℥, iii q. iii d.	v ℥, iii d. ob.	x ℥, q. ii d.	xiii ℥, iii q. i d.
vi ℥, iii q. i d.	v ℥, i d.	x ℥, ii d.	x ii ℥, di. iii d.
vi ℥, iii q.	v ℥, i d.	x ℥, ii d.	xiii ℥, di.
vi ℥, di. iv d.	v ℥.	x ℥.	xiii ℥, q. iii d.
vi ℥, di. ii d.	iv ℥, iii q. iv d.	ix ℥, iii q. iii d.	xiii ℥, iv d.
vi ℥, di. i d.	iv ℥, iii q iii d.	ix ℥, iii q. i d.	xiii ℥, ii d.
vi ℥, di.	iv ℥, iii q. ii d.	ix ℥, di iv d.	xiii ℥.
vi ℥, q. iii d.	iv ℥, iii q. i d.	ix ℥, di. ii d.	xii ℥, iii q. i d.
vi ℥, q. ii d.	iv ℥, iii q.	ix ℥, di.	xii ℥, di. iv d.
vi ℥, q. i d.	iv ℥, di. iv d. ob.	ix ℥, q. iv d.	xii ℥, di ii d.
vi ℥, q.	iv ℥, di. iii d.	ix ℥, q. i d.	xii ℥, di.
vi ℥, iv d.	iv ℥. di. iii d.	ix ℥, q. i d.	xii ℥ q. iii d.
vi ℥, iii d.	iv ℥, di. ii d.	ix ℥, iv d.	xii ℥, q. i d.
vi ℥, i d.	iv ℥, di. i d.	ix ℥, iii d.	xii ℥, ii d.
vi ℥	iv ℥, di.	ix ℥.	xii ℥.
v ℥, iii q. iii d.	iv ℥, q. iii d. ob.	viii ℥, iii q. iv d.	xi ℥, iii q. i d.

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lvii s.	ii ℥, iii q. iii d.	v ℥, iii q. i d.	ii ℥, iii q. iv d.
lvii s. vi d.	ii ℥, iii q. ii d. ob.	v ℥, iii q.	ii ℥, iii q. iii d. ob.
lviii s.	ii ℥, iii q. ii d.	v ℥, di. iv d.	ii ℥, iii q. iii d.
lviii s. vi d.	ii ℥, iii q. i d. ob.	v ℥, di. iii d.	ii ℥, iii q. ii d.
lix s.	ii ℥, q. i d.	v ℥, di. ii d.	ii ℥, iii q. i d. ob.
lix s. vi d.	ii ℥, iii q. ob.	v ℥, di. i d.	ii ℥, iii q. i d.
lx s.	ii ℥, iii q.	v ℥, di.	ii ℥, q. iii d. ob.
lx s. vi d.	ii ℥, di. iv d. ob.	v ℥, q. iv d.	ii ℥, iii q.

NB. The Allowance for Bakers for their Labour and Charges is ſet down in the fourth Page of the Preface to Magiſtrates and Officers.

God

God bleſſeth true Labour With Plenty and Favour.	*Be ſtill quick and kind, Reward thou ſhalt find.*	*Prick not at thy pleaſure, But give honeſt meaſure.*	*Be watchful and wiſe, In Goodneſs to riſe.*

The weight of the penny white Loaf according to the courſe Cocket, *ann.* 51 *H.* 3.	The weight of the half-penny Wheaten Loaf drawn from the *courſe* Cocket, 51 *H.* 3.	The weight of the penny Wheaten Loaf drawn from the *courſe* Cocket, *ann.* 51 *H.* 3.	The weight of the penny houſhold Loaf drawn from the *courſe* Cocket, *ann.* 51 *H.* 3.
v ℥, iii q. iii d.	iv ℥, q. iv d.	viii ℥, iii q. ii d.	xi ℥, iii q. i d.
v ℥, iii q. ii d.	iv ℥, q. ii d. ob.	viii ℥, iii q.	xi ℥, di. iv d.
v ℥, iii q. i d.	iv ℥, q. ii d.	viii ℥, di. iv d.	xi ℥, di. ii d.
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v ℥, di. ii d.	iv ℥, q.	viii ℥, di.	xi ℥, iv d.
v ℥, di. i d.	iv ℥, iv d.	viii ℥, q. ii d.	xi ℥, ii d.
v ℥, di.	iv ℥, iii d.	viii ℥, q. i d.	xi ℥, i d.

NB. This Aſſize is made to be obſerv'd after the rate of Eight Gallons the Buſhel of Wheat.

A TABLE shewing the true *Avoirdupois* Weight of BREAD, as regulated by an Act pass'd 8 Qu. *Anne*; with the Price of a Peck Loaf.

Wheat per Bush.		Penny White.		Penny Wheaten.		Penny Houshold.		One Shilling Wheaten.			One Shilling Houshold.			The Peck Wheaten.			The Peck Houshold.		
s.	d.	O.	D.	O.	D.	O.	D.	P.	O.	D.	P.	O.	D.	s.	d.	q.	s.	d.	q.
2	0	13	4	19	14	26	8	14	14	5	19	13	13	1	2	2	0	11	0
2	3	12	6	18	9	24	11	13	14	7	18	8	10	1	3	2	0	11	3
2	6	11	9	17	6	23	3	13	0	9	17	6	1	1	4	2	1	0	2
2	9	10	14	16	6	21	13	12	4	4	16	5	11	1	5	2	1	1	1
3	0	10	5	15	7	20	10	11	9	6	15	7	3	1	6	3	1	2	0
3	3	9	12	14	10	19	8	10	15	10	14	10	3	1	7	3	1	2	3
3	6	9	4	13	14	18	9	10	6	13	13	14	7	1	8	3	1	3	2
3	9	8	13	13	4	17	10	9	14	14	13	3	14	1	9	3	1	4	1
4	0	8	7	12	10	16	14	9	7	11	12	10	4	1	10	3	1	5	0
4	3	8	1	12	1	16	2	9	1	1	12	1	7	2	0	0	1	5	3
4	6	7	12	11	9	15	7	8	11	1	11	9	6	2	1	0	1	6	2
4	9	7	7	11	2	14	13	8	5	8	11	1	15	2	2	0	1	7	1
5	0	7	2	10	11	14	4	8	0	5	10	11	2	2	3	0	1	8	1
5	3	6	14	10	5	13	12	7	11	9	10	4	12	2	4	0	1	9	0
5	6	6	10	9	15	13	4	7	7	3	9	14	14	2	5	0	1	9	3
5	9	6	6	9	9	12	13	7	3	1	9	9	7	2	6	0	1	10	2
6	0	6	3	9	4	12	6	6	15	4	9	4	5	2	7	0	1	11	1
6	3	6	0	9	0	11	15	6	11	10	8	15	8	2	8	1	2	0	0
6	6	5	13	8	11	11	9	6	8	4	8	11	1	2	9	1	2	0	3
6	9	5	10	8	7	11	4	6	5	2	8	6	13	2	10	1	2	1	2
7	0	5	7	8	3	10	14	6	2	2	8	2	14	2	11	1	2	2	2
7	3	5	5	7	15	10	9	5	15	5	7	15	2	3	0	0	2	3	1
7	6	5	2	7	12	10	5	5	12	11	7	11	9	3	1	1	2	4	0
7	9	5	0	7	8	10	0	5	10	3	7	8	4	3	2	1	2	4	3
8	0	4	14	7	5	9	12	5	7	13	7	5	1	3	3	2	2	5	2
8	3	4	12	7	2	9	8	5	5	9	7	2	1	3	4	2	2	6	1
8	6	4	10	6	15	9	4	5	3	7	6	15	4	3	5	2	2	7	0
8	9	4	8	6	13	9	1	5	1	6	6	12	8	3	6	2	2	7	3
9	0	4	7	6	10	8	13	4	15	7	6	9	15	3	7	2	2	8	3
9	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	4	13	10	6	7	7	3	8	2	2	9	2
9	6	4	3	6	5	8	7	4	11	13	6	5	2	3	9	3	2	10	1
9	9	4	2	6	3	8	4	4	10	2	6	2	14	3	10	3	2	11	0
10	0	4	0	6	1	8	1	4	8	9	6	0	11	3	11	3	2	11	3
10	3	3	15	5	15	7	14	4	7	0	5	14	11	4	0	3	3	0	2
10	6	3	14	5	3	7	12	4	5	8	5	12	7	4	1	3	3	1	1

Explanation

Explanation of the foregoing TABLE.

If you would know the Price of Wheat, look for the same under the Title of *Wheat per Bushel*, being the outmost Column to the Left Hand, and even with it towards the Right, under its proper Title, is the Weight of the penny Loaf, White, Wheaten, or Houshold; and by going on further in the same Line towards the Right Hand, you will find the Weight of the Twelve-penny Loaf, both Wheaten and Houshold, as also how much Money, in either sort, must be paid for a Peck Loaf that contains eighteen Pound Weight.

Example.

Suppose the Price of Wheat be 5 *s.* 9 *d.* the Bushel, what shall be the Weight of penny Bread, White, Wheaten, or Houshold? Look for 5 *s.* 9 *d.* in the first Division or Column, and even with it you will find 6 Ounces 6 Drams, for the White; 9 Ounces 9 Drams under the Wheaten; and 12 Ounces 13 Drams for the Houshold Bread; for so much ought every one to weigh: And the Twelve-penny Loaf Wheaten, at that Price, must be 7 Pounds, 3 Ounces, 1 Dram; the Houshold 9 Pounds, 9 Ounces, 7 Drams; and the Peck Loaf Wheaten 2 *s.* 6 *d.* the Houshold 1 *s.* 10 *d.* 2 Farthings. The same is to be observ'd if Wheat bear any other Price.

Note, Sixteen Drams make one Ounce, and 16 Ounces one Pound.

Of the Aſſize of BREAD.

IN this Aſſize there is no Allowance given to the Baker towards his Charges in baking his Bread, otherwiſe than before in this Book is recited. And the Baker for his firſt Offence, in breaking this Aſſize, ſhall be amerced; for the ſecond Offence likewiſe amerced; for the third Offence, in breaking his Aſſize, he ſhall be more grievouſly amerced; and if he offend, in breaking the Aſſize of his Bread, the fourth time (being thereof convicted by due courſe of Law) then he ſhall receive corporal Puniſhment upon the Pillory, without any Redemption, either by Gold or Silver. But if the Baker exceed (in breaking the Aſſize of his Bread) the full Weight of 2 *s.* 6 *d.* which is one ounce and a half in his farthing White Loaf, then he ſhall ſuffer the Judgment of the Pillory without any fine or admonition given unto him; *Et poſt ſeptem dies panis non ponderetur.* The Aſſize or Weight of Bread ſhall not be chang'd, but by the encreaſe and decreaſe of 6 *d.* in the Price of a Quarter of Wheat in the Market. And every Baker muſt have his proper Mark upon his Bread. As is evident from 51 *Henry* 3. 31 *Edward* 1. and 14 *Edward* 3. *Cap.* 12.

Note alſo, That this Aſſize of all ſorts of Bread ought always to be approv'd by the *Troy*-weight, deriv'd from the Grains of Wheat: Whereof two Grains, taken in the midſt of the Ear, maketh the 16th part of a penny Sterling; four Grains make the eighth part of a penny Sterling; eight Grains make the fourth part of a penny Sterling, and two and thirty Grains of Wheat make the whole Sterling penny, Twenty of which Pence make the ounce *Troy*, 15 *d.* three

quarters

quarters of an ounce, 10 *d.* half an ounce, 5 *d.* a quarter of an ounce, and 2 *d. ob.* half a quarter of an ounce; which Weight being named *Troy*-weight, ſerveth only to weigh Bread, Gold, Silver, precious Jewels and Electuaries, of which Weight there is but 12 Ounces to the Pound, and 8 Ounces to the Gallon: And ſo by computation, 16 Pounds to the Peck, 32 Pounds to the half Buſhel, and 64 Pounds to the Buſhel, 12 *Hen.* 7. *Cap.* 5. Ounces *Troy.*

There is alſo another Weight named *Avoirdupois*-weight, whereunto there is ſixteen Ounces for the Pound; which Weight ſerveth to weigh Butter, Cheeſe, Fleſh, Tallow, Wax, and every other thing which beareth the Name of Garbel, and whereof iſſueth a refuſe or waſte. The difference between theſe two Weights, *Troy* and *Avoirdupois*, is this, that 14 Ounces and a half, and 2 penny weight *Troy*, do make 16 Ounces *Avoirdupois*-weight at this day. And 7 Pounds *Avoirdupois*-weight make the Gallon for Wheat, 14 Pounds make the Peck, 28 Pounds make the half Buſhel, and 56 Pounds make the Buſhel; the which 56 Pounds of *Avoirdupois*-weight, are and have been accuſtomably uſed for the Content of the Buſhel through this Realm: In which aforeſaid 7 Pounds of *Avoirdupois*-weight there are one hundred and two Ounces *Troy*-weight; in the 14 Pounds *Avoirdupois*-weight, there is two hundred and 4 Ounces *Troy*; in the 28 Pounds *Avoirdupois*-weight, four hundred and 8 ounces *Troy*; and in the 56 Pounds *Avoirdupois*, there is eight hundred and ſixteen Ounces *Troy*. And according to the ſame Rate the Quarter of Wheat muſt weigh four hundred forty-eight Pounds *Avoirdupois*-weight, the which is ſix thouſand five hundred twenty-eight Ounces of *Troy*-weight; 14 Pounds *Avoirdupois*-weight, and ſixteen Pounds and 11 Ounces *Troy*, do juſtly accord: And 56 Pounds *Avoirdupois*-weight, and ſixty ſeven Pounds 8 Ounces *Troy*-weight, do juſtly agree in Weight. Note alſo, that one penny Sterling maketh the twentieth part of an ounce *Troy*, the half-penny maketh the fortieth part of an ounce *Troy*, and the fourth part of a farthing is the 16th Score part of an *Avoirdupois*-weight. Difference of Weights.

an ounce *Troy*. And furthermore it is to be noted, that 7 *l.* 1 *s.* 8 *d.* sterling, is fourscore and four ounces, half an ounce and two penny weight *Troy*: And 6 *l.* 18 *s.* sterling, is fourscore and two ounces, three quarters of an ounce, and one penny weight *Troy*. From which two Assizes, the White, Wheaten, and Houshold Breads are calculated and drawn, as in this Book before is mention'd. The Farthing Cocket is the farthing White Loaf to this Day, the which is mention'd in the Statute made the 51 Year of the Reign of King HENRY the Third. And the Statute doth appoint but three sorts of Bread to be made and sold unto the Subjects in the Commonwealth, *viz.* White, Wheaten, and Houshold Bread: Yet nevertheless, Horse-bread hath had its continuance for so long time, and the use thereof so profitable and necessary for the Commonwealth, that it standeth rightly with the Law to have its continuance, and the Assize thereof hath been, and so must continue; that three Horse-loaves be sold from the Bakers for a penny, 13 *d.* for 12 *d.* And that every one Loaf shall weigh the full weight of the penny White Loaf, at what Price soever the Quarter of Wheat be sold. From the which 'forenam'd *Troy*-weight is also drawn the Assize or Gage, as well for all manner of wet Measures to be had and used, both by Land and on Ship-board, as also for all manner of Corn and Grain vendible within this Realm of *England*, which (according to the Law) is to be observ'd and kept, as well within Liberties as without, both by the Buyers and Sellers: That is to say, the full and just weight of 12 ounces *Troy* in Wheat do make a concave or hollow Measure, nam'd a Pint; and 8 of the same Pints do make the Gallon for Wine, Ale, Beer, and Corn, according to the Standard of Her Majesties Exchequer, eight of which Gallons do make the Bushel, and eight of the same Bushels do make the Quarter in Measure, *Anno* 11 & 12 *H.* 7. *Memorandum*, there is allow'd by the Law for Water-measure on Ship-board, ten Gallons to the Bushel, which contain five Pecks, *Anno* 11 *H.* 7. *Cap.* 4.

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Furthermore, there is deriv'd and drawn out, and from the ſaid Gallons made by the ſaid eight Pints, which contain twelve ounces of *Troy*-weight to every Pint, as before declar'd, the Aſſize for the Quantity and true Content of all manner of Casks lawful and vendible within this Realm of *England*, as well for Wines, Oyl, and Honey, as alſo for Ale, Beer, and Sauce. That is to ſay, every Hogſhead to contain threeſcore and three Gallons, every Tertian fourſcore and four Gallons, every Pipe 126 Gallons, and every Tun 203 Gallons of the aforeſaid Engliſh Gallons; and that no manner of Perſon or Perſons ſhall bring out of any Country, or make or cauſe to be made here within the Realm of *England*, any of the ſaid Veſſels of leſſer Size or Content than before is declar'd, *Anno* 2 *Hen.* 6. *Cap.* 11. *Anno* 1 *Rich.* 3. *Cap.* 13. and *Anno* 28 *H.* 8. *Cap.* 14. The Content of a Cask.

There is alſo a certain Meaſure call'd a Salmon-Butt, which muſt contain fourſcore and four Gallons; the Barrel muſt contain 42 Gallons, the half Barrel 21 Gallons; the Herring-Barrel muſt contain 32 Gallons. The Eel-Barrel 42 Gallons, and the half Barrel and Firkin for Herrings and Eels, muſt contain according to the ſame Rate; the which Gallons muſt be alſo agreeable unto Her Majeſties Standard of the Exchequer, and deriv'd as before is mention'd, *Anno* 22 *Edw.* 4. *Cap.* 11. Salmon Meaſure. Eels and Herring Barrels.

And every Soap-barrel to hold and contain 32 Gallons and upwards, according to the Queen's Majeſties Standard of the Exchequer; and ſhall weigh, being empty, twenty-ſix Pounds of *Avoirdupois*-weight, and not above; and every half Barrel, being empty, ſhall weigh 13 Pounds, and not above; and ſhall hold and contain 16 Gallons and above; and every Firkin, being empty, ſhall weigh ſix Pounds and a half, and not above; and ſhall hold and contain eight Gallons and above, upon pain of forfeiture for every Barrel, half Barrel, Firkin, or other Veſſel hereafter to be made, had, or uſed, contrary to this Act, three Shillings and four-pence.

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The Weight of Cheese and Butter.

There is also the true Weight of a Wey of Cheese and Butter, after the Rate of five Score and twelve Pounds of *Avoirdupois*-weight to the Hundred, as aforesaid, of which two hundred Weight is eleven Score and four Pounds, containing 32 Cloves, and every Clove to be seven Pounds of *Avoirdupois*-weight. And so the Wey of *Suffolk* Cheese is two hundred quarters and four Pounds, which is twelve Score and sixteen Pounds for *Avoirdupois*-weight; and the Barrel of Butter is of like Weight, with the Foyst thereof. But the Weight of the Wey of *Essex* Cheese or Butter is three hundred Pounds Weight, after the Rate of five Score and twelve Pounds of *Avoirdupois*-weight, 9 *Hen.* 6. *Cap.* 8.

The Sack of Wool.

The Sack of Wool is three hundred twenty eight Pounds, and a hundred and twelve Pounds to every hundred Weight, which is 18 Score and four Pounds of *Avoirdupois*-weight, as before is mention'd, 11 *Hen.* 7. *Cap.* 4. two Weights of Wool make a Sack, and 12 Sacks make a Last. But a Last of Herrings contain ten Thousand; and every Thousand contain ten Hundred; and every Hundred contain six Score, 4 *Edw.* 3. *Cap.* 12.

The Load of Lead.

There is also a Load of Lead, which consisteth of thirty Formels, and every Formel contains six Stone wanting two Pounds; and every Stone must consist of twelve Pounds *Avoirdupois:* And every Pound consists of the Weight of Five and twenty Shillings Sterling; whereby the Sum in the Formel is seven Pound, but the Sums of the Stones in the Load is eight times twenty and fifteen. And it is proved by six times thirty, which is nine times twenty. But of every Formel there are abated two Pounds in the aforesaid Multiplication, which are sixty, making five Stone. And so there are in the Load eight times twenty and fifteen Pounds, as is abovesaid. According to some other, it consists of twelve Weights: And this is after the *Troy*-weight. And the Sum of Stones in the Load, is eight times twenty, and eight Stone, 14 *Edw.* 3. *Cap.* 12.

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There is likewise a Measure ordain'd by Law, named a Yard, being deriv'd from the Grains of Barley, as three Barley-corns in length shall make an inch, twelve of the same inches shall make the foot, three foot shall make the Yard, and 16 foot and a half shall make the Pole or Perch, to measure Land or Wood withal. In many Countries this Pole or Perch doth vary, as in some Places it is 18 foot, and in some other Places 21 foot, as by ancient Custom is allow'd. Of which Poles or Perches, 40 in length, and four of them in breadth, make the Acre of Land or Wood; upon which Measure *Pliny*, *lib.* 2. *Cap.* 23, deriveth *Stadium* to be a furlong, which containeth 125 Paces, every Pace to contain 5 foot: The foot to contain four Palms, and every Palm containeth four fingers breadth. There are also three kinds of *Stadia*, the first is *Stadium Italicum*, containing 625 foot, which is 125 Paces; the second is *Stadium Olympicum*, containing 600 foot, which is 120 Paces; the third is *Stadium Pithicum*, containing 1000 foot, which is 200 Paces: Of these *Stadia*, eight in length make the *Italian* Mile, containing 1000 Paces, and every Pace to be five foot in length. And of these Paces *Junius* writeth, that there is *Passus duplex*, & *Passus minor vel simplex*. *Passus duplex* is five foot, as aforesaid, but *Passus minor vel simplex* is but two foot and a half, which is usually the distance from the Toes of the Fore-foot to the Heel of the Hinder-foot in going. And also he saith, That *Passus major sive Geometricus* is a Pace or Fathom of five foot. There is also *Passus Græcus*, & *Passus Romanus*: *Passus Græcus* being more than *Passus Romanus* by a foot, and the fourth part of a foot in the Pace.

Compositio Ulnarum & Perticarum, Anno 31 Edward.

The Acre of Land.

Stadium or Furlong.

The difference of Paces.

Here followeth what sorts of Bread have been made in their Tryal.

FIrst, there was a Tryal made in the Year of our Lord God 1311, which is now three hundred and three Years past, of three Quarters of Wheat, *viz.* one Quarter of the best Wheat, one Quarter of the second Wheat, and the other of the third Wheat. And these three Quarters were made into divers and several sorts of Bread, as it appeareth by Record in the Guild-hall of *London*. They which made the same Tryals, were sworn for the true doing thereof before the Lord-Mayor of *London* for the Time being.

There was also a Tryal made in the eighth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the eighth, by the Commandment of the King's Council, of a Quarter of Wheat: And it was made two parts into Wheaten Bread, one part into White Bread, and the fourth part into Houshold Bread; as plainly appeareth in the time of Sir *William Butler*, Lord-Mayor of *London*. And it is enter'd into the Guild-hall, in the Paper-Journal, Folio 238. The which kinds and sorts of Bread have their continuance until this day. And that the Bakers at this time do bake and retail unto the Subjects more in Wheaten Bread than ever before they have done.

Allowances heretofore made unto Bakers for baking a Quarter of Wheat.

Anno 51 *of King* HENRY *the Third.*

FIrst, in the Year of our Lord God 1266, in the one and fiftieth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Third; when Wheat was at Twelve-pence the Quarter, the Bakers were allow'd for their Charges for baking of a Quarter of Wheat, (as plainly doth appear in the Statutes) as hereafter followeth in Particulars, *viz.* for three Servants, penny half-penny;

penny; for two Lads, a half-penny; in Salt, a half-penny; in Yest, a half-penny; for Candle, a farthing; for Wood, Two-pence; for his Bowtel, a half-penny; and 2 Loaves for Advantage, and his Bran: Which is in the whole 6 *d.* 3 *q.*

In the Time of King EDWARD *the First.*

SEcondly, the Bakers were allow'd 13 *d.* for their Charges for baking of a Quarter of Wheat, as plainly appeareth in the old Assize-Book, which hath relation to the Statute of *Wincheſter*, in what King's time, it is not therein set down: But as it seemeth, it was in the time of King *Edward* the first, who succeeded King *Henry* the third, as aforesaid. The Particulars hereof appear, *viz.* The Baker shall be allow'd on every Quarter for baking; for Grout and Furning three-pence, for Wood three-pence, for the Journeymen three-pence half-penny, for the two Pages penny half-penny, for Salt a half-penny, for Yest a half-penny, for Candle a half-penny, for his Ty-dog a half-penny: In the whole, thirteen-pence, and his Bran.

Anno 12 *of King* HENRY *the Seventh*, 1495.

THirdly, in the Year of our Lord God 1495, in the 12th Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Seventh, when the best Wheat was at seven Shillings the Quarter, the second at six Shillings and Six-pence, and the third at six Shillings the Quarter, the Bakers were allow'd 2 Shillings for their Charges for baking of a Quarter of Wheat, and his Bran, as plainly appeareth in the said old Assize-Book, that hath relation to the Statute of *Wincheſter* aforesaid. In which said Assize-Book it is declar'd in what manner the said two Shillings is to be allow'd: That is to say, when Wheat is at 12 Shillings the Quarter, the Baker should bake after 14 Shillings the Quarter; and at 14 Shillings the Quarter, he is bake after 16 Shillings the Quarter, as in the said Book is to be seen; and so to follow the same Rate, at what Price

soever the Wheat is at the Quarter; the order and allowing of which two Shillings is as followeth, *viz.* on every Quarter of Wheat baking, for Furnace and Wood, six-pence; the Miller, four-pence; for two Journeymen and two Pages, five-pence; for Salt, Yest, Candle, and Sack-bands, two-pence; for Himself, his House, his Wife, his Dog, and his Cat, seven-pence; and the Bran to his Advantage: Which cometh in the whole, in the Quarter, to two Shillings for his Labour in baking.

Item, It also appeareth in the time of King *Henry* the Third, that the Bakers of Cities should have a better Allowance for the baking of a Quarter of Wheat than the foreign Bakers of the Country: And it is then provided, that the Foreigners Bread should weigh ten Shillings heavier, which is six Ounces in the Penny-Loaf more than the Town-dweller, because the foreign Bakers do not bear and pay such Scot and Lot, and other Charges, as the Bakers in the City and Towns do bear and pay.

The Assize and Orders for Brewers, as well of Ale as of Beer.

Brewers Cask.

IT was also ordain'd in *Anno* 23. *Henry* 8. that the Ale-Firkin should hold and contain eight Gallons and upwards, and the Kilderkin sixteen Gallons and upwards, and the Ale-Barrel thirty-two Gallons and upwards. The Beer-Firkin shall hold and contain nine Gallons and upwards, the Beer-Kilderkin eighteen Gallons and upwards, and the Beer-Barrel thirty-six Gallons and upwards, according to the English Gallon before-mention'd.

Unwholesome Drink.

These being the true Contents of Beer and Ale-Vessels, the Brewers that are to sell by them are likewise thus restrain'd by Laws, *viz.* That they brew not their Ale nor Beer of any musty Malt, or eaten with Wivels, nor put any Ale or Beer to sale in any musty or corrupt Vessels, or in any Vessels of a lesser Content than beforemention'd; nei-

neither must they make any new Vessels within their own Houses to put their Ale and Beer in, saving that they may keep Coopers within their Houses only to hoop, cobble, and mend their Vessels, and not otherwise. New Vessels not to be made by Brewers.

And furthermore, that every Beer-brewer and every Ale-brewer within this Realm of *England*, shall not take over and above for every such Barrel, Kilderkin, or Firkin of Ale or Beer, but after the Prizes and Rates as shall be thought convenient and sufficient by the Discretion of the Justices of the Peace within every Shire where such Ale-brewer or Beer-brewer shall dwell, without any City, Borough, or Town Corporate, where no Head-Officers, as Mayors, Bayliffs, Sheriffs, or other Head-Officers, have no Authority or Rule: And in all Cities, Boroughs, or Towns, where there be Mayors, Sheriffs, or other Head-Officers, the same Rates and Prizes to be rated and siz'd by them, and every one of them, by their Discretions. And that the same Ale-brewers and Beer-brewers at any time hereafter, shall not sell their Beer or Ale at any higher Rates and Prizes than shall be unto them assign'd, after the form above rehears'd, upon pain to lose and forfeit for every Barrel so put to sale, contrary to this Statute, 6 *s.* for every half Barrel or Kilderkin, 3 *s.* 4 *d.* for every Firkin, 2 *s.* and for every Vessel containing greater number of Gallons, 10 *s.* and for every Vessel containing lesser number of Gallons, 12 *d.* the one half of which Penalties and Forfeitures shall be unto the Queen's Majesty, her Heirs and Successors; the other half unto him that will sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of Her Majesties Courts of Record, wherein the Defendant shall not wage his Law. Prizes of Ale and Beer.

And, forasmuch as the Mystery of Brewing, as a thing very needful and necessary for the Commonwealth, hath been always (by ancient Custom and good Orders) practis'd and maintain'd within Cities, Corporate Boroughs, and Market-Towns of this Realm, by such expert and skilful Persons as either were traded and brought up therein

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Brewers to be Apprentices; or skilful Men in the Mystery.

by the space of seven Years, and as Apprentices therein accepted accordingly, as in all other Trades and Occupations; or else well known to be such Men of Skill and Honesty in that Mystery, as could and would always yield unto Her Majesties Subjects in the Commonwealth, such good and wholesom Ale and Beer, as both in the quality and quantity thereof did ever agree with the good Laws of the Realm, and especially to the comfort of the poorer sort of Subjects, who most need it; until of late Years sundry Persons inhabiting within the aforesaid Liberties, rather seeking their own private gain then the publick profit of their Country, have not only erected and set up small Brew-houses at their pleasures, but also brew and utter such Ale and Beer for want of Skill in that Mystery, as both in the prices and wholesomness thereof doth utterly disagree with the good Laws and Orders of this Realm, thereby also overthrowing the greater and more ancient Brew-houses, and the Estate of the said Mystery of Brewing. It is therefore very necessary that the Mayors, Bayliffs, or other head-Officers of every City, Corporate Borough, or Market-Towns within this Realm, where such great and ancient Brew-houses are, do take such good Order by vertue of their Charters granted to them, either by his Highness or his noble Progenitors, as that within these Liberties the aforesaid ancient Brewers and Brew-houses may be recontinued and maintained, and those new erected Houses, with their unskilful Owners, suppressed and put down; which as it hath been, so doubtless would it be the best and surest means of maintaining that Mystery, and unto the Commonwealths most profit.

The Assize and Order of Inholders and Victuallers.

Inholders and Victualers.

AND for that Ale and Beer are not in themselves perfect Liquors, but being filled into a small measure, the Yest or Froth thereof will ascend by working very speedily, requiring a time in settling thereof again, there

there is also used, and to be allowed within this Realm, sundry measures of lesser content, for Brewers, Inholders and Victualers, selling their Ale and Beer by retail unto the Subjects, the which are nam'd and call'd hooped Quart and Pint Measures, Thurdendels, and half Thurdendels, being a small quantity somewhat bigger than the Standard, in respect of the working and ascending of the Yest and Froth, as aforesaid: By the which Quarts and Pints, the Inholders shall retail their Ale and Beer, being after the rate of fourpence the Gallon: And by the same Thurdendel and half Thurdendel, the Victualers shall retail their Drink, being after the rate of three-pence the Gallon, the which said several Measures are lawful, and ought to be used in manner aforesaid at this day. Thurdendels.

And furthermore, Inholders, Cooks and Victualers, are not only by the Laws and ancient good Orders of this Realm forbidden to bake, seeth, or roast any Fish or Flesh twice, or sell and utter unto the Subjects any manner of corruptible Victuals, which may be to the hurt and the infection of Man's Body; but also that they shall not utter and sell their Ale and Beer within or without their Houses by retail or otherwise, unto any the Queen's Majesties Subjects with any false or unsealed Measures less than the Standard beforementioned, nor utter and sell their Provinder within their Ostries with any false and unsealed Measures, which shall be repugnant to the aforesaid Standard of his Highness Exchequer. *Anno* 1 & 12 *H.* 7. *Cap.* 4. Unwholsome Victuals. Anno 51 Hen. 3. False Measures.

Item, If any Butcher, Fishmonger, Inholder, Victualer, Baker, Poulterer, or any other whatsoever, which shall sell any Victuals unto the Subjects at any excessive price or prizes, otherwise than the plenty and scarcity of the Time, and the distance of Carriage of the same considered, shall accord with Equity and good conscience: Then Mayors, Bayliffs, and other chief Officers of Cities, Boroughs, and Towns Corporate, shall have full Power and Authority to enquire and examin all such Offences and Defaults therein done and committed, and to inflict Punishment upon the Offenders,

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by seizing of the dobble Value of that which he or they shall so utter and sell unto the Party damnify'd. And if the said chief Officers shall omit to do their Duties herein, then the Justices of the Peace shall have full Power and Authority to inflict Punishment upon such negligent and careless Officers, *Anno* 23 *Edw.* 3. *Cap.* 9.

Item, It is enacted in *Anno* 6 *Rich.* 2. *Cap.* 9. That no Victualler or Victuallers within any City or other Town or Towns within the Realm of *England*, shall use or occupy the Office of a Judge during the time that he shall be Officer there (except it be for want of other sufficient Men which should exercise the same Office.) And, that whilst he is in that Office of Judge, he, nor none of his, shall utter or sell any Victuals unto the Subjects, upon pain of forfeiture of the same Victuals.

The Assize of Inholders, or any other, retailing their Hay by the Botel, Truss, or Hundred, as followeth.

FIrst, the Load (which Men call the Cart or Wainteight) is reckon'd to be Twenty-hundred Weight of *Avoirdupois* Weight, accounting a hundred and twelve Pounds unto every hundred: But, forasmuch as Her Majesties Subjects, inhabiting near to the City of *London*, cannot very easily or well load their Carts or Wains with Hay of such great Weight, and so carry the same unto the City, they do reckon and account eighteen-hundred Weight of *Avoirdupois* Weight to be the common Load of Hay, the which they make and size as followeth: That is to say, thirty-six Trusses of Hay shall make the Load, every Truss of Hay to weigh the full weight of fifty-six Pounds of *Avoirdupois*; and after that Rate, one Pound of Hay sold for a half-penny, maketh four Pounds four Shillings the Load in Money; two Pounds of Hay for a half-penny, make forty-two Shillings the Load; three Pounds of Hay for a half-penny, make twenty-eight Shillings the Load; three

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and four Pounds of Hay for a half-penny, make twenty-one Shillings the Load: The which Assize or Weight in Hay the Inholders and others, retailing the same, ought to observe and keep.

And whereas any Inholders or others, do, or shall take or receive any manner of Horse or Horses to Livery at Hay and Litter by Day and Night: Then if the Botel of Hay shall weigh three Pounds for a half-penny, which is six Pound for one penny, and so 18 Pounds of Hay for three pence, the which 18 Pounds of Hay, with reasonable Provinder at every watering, will suffice one Horse Day and Night; and according to that Rate, the Inholder, or any other Person, shall make 31 *s.* 6 *d.* of his Load of Hay; being of the full Weight as before is mention'd, then allow him one penny Day and Night for his Litter, which, in the whole, amounteth to four-pence a Day, and eight for Hay and Litter: And so shall the Inholders, or any others, have sufficient gain in his Stable, if the same Horse shall spend but three half-pence in Provinder at every watering. And so shall all manner of Officers apportionate the Inholders, and all others, which use to take Horses by Livery Day and Night, as the prizes of the Load of Hay shall yearly encrease and diminish.

The Assize for Vintners.

Vintners.

VIntners must sell good and wholesome Wines for the sustenance of Man: They must not mix or alter the verdure and proper nature of their Wines, nor compound them with any thing, otherwise than perfect Wine it self. They must utter and sell their Wines by retail with such lawful and sealed Measures as are agreeable unto the Standard of Her Majesties Exchequer, by the Half-pint, Quart, Pottle, and Gallon, according to the approv'd Standard before-mention'd.

The Assize for Butchers.

Anno 51 H. 3. & An. 31 Ed. 1. c. 7.

IT hath been always a thing most carefully look'd into, and provided for, by good and ancient Orders and Laws of this Realm, and also by Advice of the learned and skilful Physicians of the same; that no Butchers should kill and sell unto the Subjects any Flesh of any Cattel which was griev'd and infected with a Disease call'd the Moren: Nor kill and sell any Bull or Bulls unbaiten; any Cow or Kine great with Calf, or near Calving; any Ewe or Ewes with Lamb, or taking Ram; or any Sow great with Pig, or taking the Boar, upon pain of Amercement at the Discretion of the Officers having Authority to enquire thereof: Neither that they should blow their Flesh which they sell to the Subjects, or geld the Kidneys of their Muttons, Veals, or Lambs, taking away the fat thereof; nor deceifully raise the same Kidneys with any stopping or under-putting them, to deceive the ignorant Buyers thereof, upon like pain: Nor utter and sell any measled Pork, upon pain of Amercement, and to suffer the Judgment of the Pillory, with his corrupt Flesh to be burnt openly before his Face in the Market-place. Likewise, That they shall not sell their Flesh to the Queen's Subjects with any Beam or Balance inclining more unto one end than unto the other, thereby to deceive the Subjects; nor sell their Flesh by or with any false Weights lesser than the King's Majesties Standard before-mention'd; and, that after the Rate of sixteen Ounces *Avoirdupois* to the Pound, and eight of them Pounds to make the Stone, or otherwise as the Usage and Custom of the Country requireth for the number of the Pounds unto the Stone.

Wholesome Meats.

Deceits of Butchers.

An Order for musty Meal.

AND furthermore, if there be any manner of Person or Persons which shall by any false ways or means sell any Meal unto the Queen's Subjects, either by mixing of it deceitfully, or musty and corrupted Meal, which may be to the

the hurt and infection of Man's Body, or else any false sleight, or any deceitful ways or means by false Weight or Measure, and so deceive the Subjects: For the first Offence he shall be grievously punish'd, the second Offence he shall lose his Meal, the third Offence he shall suffer the Judgment of the Pillory, and the fourth Offence he shall forswear the Town wherein he dwelleth.

The Assize of Fuel to be observ'd in the City of London, Westminster, *and the* Suburbs *of the same.*

The Assize of Fuel.

First, every Sack of Charcoal must contain and hold four Bushels of good and clean Coals.

Item, Every Tale-shide must contain in length four foot, besides the Cart; every Tale-shide named one, to contain in greatness within a foot of the midst, 16 inches about: And every Tale-shide nam'd of two, to contain in greatness within a foot of the midst, 23 inches about: And every Tale-shide nam'd of three, to contain in greatness within a foot of the midst, 28 inches about: And every Tale-shide nam'd of four, to contain in greatness within a foot of the midst, 33 inches about: And every Tale-shide nam'd of five, to contain in greatness within a foot of the midst, 38 inches about.

Item, Every Billet to contain in length three foot and four inches; and every Billet nam'd a single, to contain seven inches and a half about.

Item, Every Billet nam'd to be a Cast, to contain ten inches about; and every Billet of two Cast, to contain fourteen inches about.

Item, Every Faggot-band to contain in length three foot, and the Band of every such Faggot to be 14 inches about, besides the knot.

Item, All Billets of two Casts that shall be made to be put to sale, shall be of the size herein compriz'd, and shall be marked within six inches of the midst thereof: And every

Billet of one Cast made to be put to sale, shall be mark'd within four inches of the end thereof, upon pain that every Marker and every Seller that shall make any Fuel for Coals, and put the same to sale, to forfeit for every Shide, or Toll-wood, Billet, Faggot, or Sack of Coals lacking the Assize aforesaid, three Shillings and four-pence. And that if any Cutter or Maker, or other that shall forfeit any Sums herein contain'd, shall not be able to yield or pay such Forfeiture or Sums as aforesaid, that then every such Person convicted by Witnesses, or otherwise, to be set on the Pillory in the next Market-Town to the Place wherein he shall so offend, by a Justice of Peace, or any other His Majesties Officers, at the hour of eleven of the Clock, upon the Market-day, with a Tale-shide, Billet, Faggot, or Sack of Coals bound to some part of his Body, and to be discharg'd of the aforesaid Forfeiture. *Anno 7 Edw. 6. Cap. 7.*

The Assize for Lath.

ITem, That every Lath shall be and contain in length five foot, and in breadth two inches, and in thickness half an inch of Assize, upon pain to forfeit for every hundred which shall be put to sale of lesser size, two-pence.

The Assize for Timber.

ITem, That all manner of Timber be well hewn and perfectly squar'd, and also keep true Measure, *viz.* fifty foot of Timber for the Load, upon pain to forfeit for every Load of Timber which shall be sold to the contrary, 12 pence.

The Assize for Tile.

ITem, Every Person or Persons which shall use the Occupation of making of Thack-tile, Roof-tile, Crest-tile, or Gutter-tile, shall make it good and seasonable, able and sufficient, and well whited and anneal'd; and the Ground whereof

whereof any such Tile shall be made, shall be digg'd and cast up before the first Day of *November* next, before they shall be made; and the said Earth shall be stirr'd and turn'd before the first Day of *January* then next following; and the same Earth, before it be put to making the Tile, shall be truly wrought and try'd from Stones, and also the Veins call'd Maline, or Marle and Chalk (lying commonly in the Ground near the Land convenient to make Tile) after the digging of the said Ground, whereof any such Tile shall be made, shall be well and truly severed and cast from the Earth whereof any such Tile shall be made. And that every such plain Tile shall contain in length ten inches and a half, and in breadth six inches and a quarter, and in thickness half an inch and half a quarter at the least; and every such Roof-tile or Crest-tile shall contain in length 13 inches, and in thickness half an inch and half a quarter at the least, with convenient deepness according: And every Gutter-tile and Corner-tile shall contain in length ten inches and a half, with convenient thickness, breadth and depth according. And if any Person set to sale any such Tile made against the aforesaid Ordinance, then the Seller thereof shall forfeit to the Buyer the double Value of the Tile, and besides, shall make Fine to the King at his Pleasure: And every Person that findeth himself griev'd herein, and will sue, shall have an Action of Debt against the Offenders, and the Plaintiff (if he recover herein) shall recover his Cost, wherein no Wager of Law shall be allow'd unto the Defendant. *Anno* 17 *Edw.* 4. *Cap.* 4.

Thus much I have thought good simply to make apparent unto the Eyes of the Ignorant, for the true Order and Assize of Weight and Measure, with the Assize of Bread, and other Necessaries concerning the same, to be observ'd by all Subjects, as a thing very necessary and needful in the Commonwealth; the which both GOD's Book, the good Laws and ancient Orders of the Realm do allow and maintain, wishing every good Subject to embrace the same accordingly.

Ancient

Ancient Laws and Customs set down for BAKERS, in making, sizing, and selling all sorts of lawful Bread, which by the Laws are vendible to HER MAJESTY's Subjects retailing the same.

FIrst, That no manner of Person or Persons shall keep a common Bake-house in Cities and Corporate Towns, but such Persons as have been apprenticed unto the same Mystery, or brought up therein for the more space of seven Years, or else otherwise skilful in the good making and true sizing of all sorts of Bread, and shall put his own Mark and Seal upon all sorts of his Man's Bread, which he, or they, shall make and sell, as before is mention'd.

Bakers to be apprenticed.

Item, That no Baker or any other Persons do make, bake, utter, or sell any kinds or sorts of Bread in the Commonwealth, but such which the Statutes and ancient Ordinances of this Realm do allow them to bake and sell: that is to say, They may bake and sell Symnel-bread, Wastel, White, Wheaten, Houshold, and Horse-bread, and none other kinds of Bread to put to sale unto his Majesties Subjects.

Lawful Bread to be made and sold.

Item, They must make and bake farthing White-bread, half-penny White, penny White, half-penny Wheaten, penny Wheaten bread, penny Houshold, and two-penny Houshold-Loaves, and none of greater size, upon pain of forfeiture unto poor People all such great Bread which they or any of them shall make

What sorts of Bread are to be made.

make to sell of greater size (the time of Christmas always excepted.)

Item, They shall not utter and sell to any Inholder or Victualer, either in Man's Bread, or Horse-bread, (which shall retail the same) but only 13 penny worth for 12 pence, without any Poundage or other Advantage.

Item, They shall sell and deliver unto Inholders and Victualers in Horse-bread but three Loaves for a penny, and 13 penny worth for 12 d. (as aforesaid) every one of the same three Horse-loaves weighing the full weight of a penny white Loaf, whether Wheat be good, cheap, or dear. 13 pence in Bread for 12 pence.

Item, That no Bakers, or other Person or Persons, shall at any time or times hereafter make, utter, or sell, by retail, within or without their Houses, unto any of the King's Subjects, any Spice cakes, Buns, Bisculit, or other Spice-bread, (being Bread out of size, and not by Law allow'd) except it be at Burials, or upon the Friday before Easter, or at Christmas, upon pain of forfeiture of all such Spice-breads to the Poor. Unlawful Bread forbidden.

Item, Whereas there are in Cities or Corporate Towns common Bakers, using the Mystery of baking there, and within the same Towns common Bakers, which come into the Market with their Bread to be sold, they shall not only bring with them such sorts of sized Bread, as the Laws and Ordinances do allow to be made and sold, as aforesaid, but also shall keep and observe this Order in the Weight of their Bread as hereafter followeth, because the said Foreigners do not bear and pay, within the same Cities and Towns, such Foreign Bakers to keep greater size than the Towns-men.

such scat and lot as the Bakers of the same Towns do.

First, The Forreigners halfpenny white Loaves shall weigh half an ounce more in every Loaf than the Bakers of the same Towns halfpenny white Loaves do.

Item, Their penny white Loaves shall weigh one ounce more in every Loaf than the Bakers of the same Towns penny white Loaves do.

Item, Their half-penny wheaten Loaves shall weigh one ounce more in every Loaf than the Bakers of the same Towns half penny wheaten Loaves do.

Item, Their penny wheaten Loaves shall weigh two ounces more in every Loaf than the Bakers of the same Towns penny wheaten Loaves do.

Item, Their penny houshold Loaves shall weigh two ounces more in every Loaf than the Bakers of the same Towns penny houshold Loaves do.

Item, Their twopenny houshold Loaves shall weigh four ounces more in every Loaf than the Bakers of the same Towns twopenny houshold Loaves do.

Penalty.

Provided always, that the Clerk of the Market of his Majesties Houshold, his Deputy or Deputies, Mayors, Bayliffs, and other Officers of Cities, Corporate Towns, and Liberties, shall look unto, have diligent care and respect unto the due performance and execution of these Articles; and they shall and may, from time to time, freely give and distribute all such unlawful Bread as shall be hereafter made and put to sale, being contrary to these Articles before mention'd, unto poor Prisoners, or any other poor People, willing and requiring all Justices of Peace, Constables,

bles, Bayliffs, and all other Officers, to be aiding, assisting, and helping all the aforesaid Officers in the due Execution hereof, as they will answer the contrary at their Perils.

Joh. Cant.	Tho. Buckhurst,
Ch. Hatton,	*Sir* Fra. Knowles,
W. Burley,	*Sir* Tho. Heneage,
H. Derby,	*Sir* J. Forteſcue,
Cha. Howard,	*Sir* J. Wolley.
H. Hunſdon,	

ORDERS and ARTICLES made and agreed upon by the Right Honourable the *Lords*, and others of the King's moſt honourable *Privy-Council*, appointing what ſorts of Bread are to be Made and Sold, and for reforming divers Abuſes therein.

FOraſmuch as we are credibly informed by John Powel, Clerk of the Market of his Highneſs's moſt honourable Houſhold, that divers Bakers and other Perſons, taking upon them the Myſtery of baking and uttering of Bread unto the King's Majeſties Subjects in the Commonwealth, for their own private Lucre and Commodity, do not only make and ſell to the Subjects Bread of odd ſizes, made by their own Inventions; but alſo, divers kinds and ſorts of Bread, which are both repugnant to the Laws and good Ordinances of the Realm, and likewiſe hurtful to the Commonwealth: Wherefore we will and require them, and every one of them, that they obſerve and keep the good Uſe and ancient Order in

making, sizing, and selling all sorts of lawful Bread, according to the ancient Laws and Ordinances of this Realm of England, as followeth.

First, That no manner of Person or Persons shall keep a common Bake-house in Cities or Corporate Towns, but such Persons as have been apprenticed unto the same Mystery, or brought up therein for the space of 7 Years, or more; and shall put his own proper Mark and Seal upon all sorts of Man's Bread, which he or they shall make and sell.

Item, That no Bakers or any other Persons do make, bake, utter and sell any kinds or sorts of Bread, but such which the Statutes and ancient Ordinances of this Realm do allow them to make and sell, viz. They may bake and sell Cymnel-bread, wastel, white, wheaten, houshold, and Horse-breads, and no other kinds of Bread to put to sale unto His Majesties Subjects.

Item, They must make and bake farthing White-bread, half-penny White, penny White, half penny Wheaten, penny Wheaten bread, penny Houshold, and Two-penny Houshold Loaves, and none of greater size, upon pain of forfeiture unto poor People, of all such great Bread which they or any of them shall make or sell of greater size, (the time of Christmas always excepted.)

Item, They shall not utter and sell to any Inholder or Victualer, either in Man's Bread or Horse-bread, (which shall retail the same again) but only 13 d. worth for 12 d. without any poundage or other advantage.

Item, They shall sell and deliver unto Inholders and Victualers in Horse bread, but only three Loaves for a penny, and 13 d. worth for 12 d. (as aforesaid)

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every one of the same three Loaves weighing the full weight of a penny white Loaf, whether Wheat be good, cheap, or dear: In which Assize of Horse-bread, the Inholder gaineth 6 d. ob. in every 12 d.

Item, That no Bakers, or other Person or Persons, shall at any time or times hereafter make, utter, and sell, by retail, within or without their Houses, unto any of the Kings Subjects, any Spice-cakes, Buns, Biscuit, or any other Spice-bread, (being Bread out of size, and not by Law allow'd) except it be at Burials, or upon the Friday before Easter, upon pain of forfeiture of all such Spice-breads to the Poor.

Item, Whereas there are in Cities and Corporate Towns common Bakers, using the Mystery of baking there, and within the same Cities and Towns the foreign Bakers, which come into the Markets with their Bread to be sold, they shall not only bring with them such sorts of sized Bread, as the Law and Ordinances do allow to be made and sold, as aforesaid, but also shall keep and observe this Order in the weight of their Bread, as followeth, because the said Foreigners do not bear and pay, within the same Cities and Towns, such scot and lot as the Bakers of the same Towns do.

First, The Foreigners half-penny white Loaves shall weigh an ounce more in every Loaf than the Bakers of the same Towns halfpenny white Loaves do.

Item, Their penny white Loaves shall weigh two ounces more in every Loaf than the Bakers of the same Towns penny white Loaves do.

Item, Their half-penny wheaten Loaves shall weigh an ounce and half more in every Loaf than the Bakers of the same Towns half-penny wheaten Loaves do.

Item, Their penny wheaten Loaves shall weigh three ounces more in every Loaf than the Bakers of the same Towns penny wheaten Loaves do.

Item, Their penny houshold Loaves shall weigh three ounces more in every Loaf than the Bakers of the same Towns penny houshold Loaves do.

Item, Their two-penny houshold Loaves shall weigh six ounces more in every Loaf than the Bakers of the same Towns two-penny houshold Loaves do.

Provided always, that the Clerk of the Market of his Majesties Houshold, his Deputy or Deputies, Mayors, Bayliffs, and other Officers of Cities, Corporate Towns, and Liberties; and especially the Master and Wardens of the Company of Bakers in the City of London, their Officers or Ministers, or any of them, shall look unto, and have diligent care and respect unto the due performance and execution of these Articles; and shall and may from time to time, freely give and distribute all such unlawful Bread as shall be hereafter made and put to sale (being contrary to these Articles before-mention'd) unto poor Prisoners, or any other poor People. And further, we will and command all Justices of Peace, Constables, Bayliffs, and other Officers, to be aiding, assisting, and helping all the aforesaid Officers in the due execution hereof, as they will answer to the contrary at their Perils.

At the Court at *White-hall*, the last of *January*, 1604.

T. Ellesmere, *Cant.*	Cramburn.
T. Dorset.	E. Zouche.
Suffolk.	W. Knowles.
E. Worcester.	E. Wotton.
Devonshire.	Jo. Popham.
H. Northampton.	J. Herbert.

Anno

Anno xvii *Car. Regis.*

An ACT for the better ordering and regulating of the Office of Clerk of the Market, allow'd and confirm'd by the Statute; and for Reformation of false Weights & Measures.

FOrasmuch as the undue execution of the Office of Clerk of the Market hath been very grievous unto divers of His Majesties most loving Subjects, who have been much troubl'd by unnecessary Summons, and charg'd with exactions of divers Sums of Money, by colour of the said Office; and in regard the said Evils have partly risen by means of an inequality of Weights and Measures throughout this Kingdom, and by granting and letting to farm the said Office of Clerk of the Market, and the execution thereof, in and through all or most of the several Counties of this Kingdom for great Sums of Money, which the said Farmers or Grantees, by their unjust and undue Proceedings in the said Office, do extort from His Majesties Subjects again, to their great impoverishment, and yet little or no redress at all in their said Weights or Measures, or any Benefit thereby accruing to His Majesty. For Remedy whereof, and for regulating of all Weights and Measures according to the true intent of this Statute, and the other Statutes in that behalf formerly made and provided, and preventing the said Inconveniences.

Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, the Lords and Commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from henceforth there shall be but one Weight, one Measure, and one Yard, according to the Standard of the Exchequer, throughout all the Realm, as well in Places privileg'd as without; any Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding. And that every Measure of Corn shall be striked without heap. And whosoever shall sell by, or keep any other Weight, Measure, or Yard than as aforesaid, whereby any Corn, Grain, or other thing is bought or sold after six Months after the end of this present Sessions of Parliament, shall forfeit for every such

such Offence five Shillings, being thereof lawfully convicted by the Oath of one sufficient Witness before any Justice of Peace, Mayor, or other Head-Officer of the County, City, or Town Corporate respectly, where the said Offence shall be committed; who (by vertue of this Act) shall have Power to administer an Oath in that behalf: Which said Sum or Penalty of five Shillings shall be levied by the Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish, or some or one of them where such Offence is or shall be committed, to the use of the Poor of the same Parish, of the Goods and Chattels of such Offenders, by way of Distress, and sale of the Offenders Goods, rendring the overplus to the Party so offended. And in default of such Distress, it shall be lawful for any Justice of Peace, Mayor, or other Head-Officer of the County, City, or Town Corporate respectively, to commit the said Party to the Prison or Goal, there to remain without Bail or Mainprise, until he shall pay such Sums of Money forfeited, as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Clerk of the Market of the King's House, which now is, or hereafter shall be, or of the Prince's Highness, his Heirs or Successors, which is or shall be Duke of Cornwal, or his or their Deputy or Deputies, shall hereafter execute his or their said Office or Offices respectively, in any part of the Kingdom, but only within the Verge of the King's Court, where it shall then reside for the time being. And that it shall be always hereafter lawful for any Mayor, or other Head-officer of any City, Borough, Town Corporate, or for any Lord or Lords of Liberty, Liberties, or Franchises, his or their Deputy or Deputies, or Agents, according to their several Liberties and Jurisdictions, to have full Power to execute the said Offices respectively, as they ought or might have done before the making of this Act. And for the more ease of his Majesties Subjects,

Be it further enacted, That if any Clerk of the Market within his aforesaid Precincts and Limits of the Verge of the King's House only, or any Mayor, or other Officer whatsoever, who (by vertue of this Act) shall have Power to enquire of any abuses in Weights and Measures, shall seal or give allowance unto any

other

other Weight or Measure, Weights or Measures, other than according to the said Standard of the Exchequer, or shall upon reasonable request and warning refuse to seal or give allowance unto such Weight or Measure, Weights or Measures, as are according to the said Standard of the Exchequer, paying only such Fee or Fees for such allowance, as by the Statute or Statutes, or by ancient Custom are in that behalf formerly provided and allow'd, and no more: That then the said Clerk of the Market, Mayor, and other Officer or Officers of City, Borough, or Town, and the said Lord and Lords of Liberty or Liberties, and his or their Deputy and Deputies, and Agents respectively, shall forfeit for every such Offence five Pounds, to be levied as aforesaid, to the use of the Poor of the Parish where such Offence is or shall be committed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the Clerk of the Market, his Deputy or Deputies, or Agents within the Verge aforesaid, or any Mayor, or any other Officer or Officers of any City or Town, or any Lord or Lords of Liberties, his or their Deputy or Deputies, Agents or Assigns respectively, shall take or receive of any of His Majesties Subjects, by colour of the said Office, any common Fine or Fines, or any Fees, other than are formerly allow'd by the Statute or Statutes, or ancient Custom in that behalf made or us'd, shall take any Fee or Fees, or other Sum of Money, reward or consideration for the making, signing, or examination of any Weights or Measures, which have been formerly mark'd or seal'd, or shall impose or assess, or cause to be imposed or assessed any Fine or Amerciament, Fines or Amerciaments, without a due and legal Tryal of the Offences for which the said Fine or Fines, Amerciament or Amerciaments are imposed or assessed, or shall otherwise misdemean himself in the execution of his said Office, and be thereof lawfully convicted, he shall forfeit for the first Offence whereof he shall be so lawfully convicted, five Pounds; and for the second Offence, ten Pounds; and for the third Offence, and every other Offence afterwards, twenty Pounds, to be levied as aforesaid to the use of the Poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be committed.

And

And be it enacted, That whosoever shall be fined or amerced by vertue of this Act, shall not be again fined or amerced for the same Offence by vertue of any former Law or Statute.

Provided always, That this Act or Statute shall not extend to the Rents of Farms, Lands, or any Corn or Grain due or payable to any Lord or Lords, or any Colleges, Houses, or other Societies, by vertue of any Lease or Leases, or other Covenant or Agreement, but that the same (during the continuation of such Lease, Leases, or other Agreements) shall be paid, deliver'd, and performed in such measure and form as the same hath been paid, deliver'd, and performed, before the making of this Act: And that such Measure as is commonly call'd Water-measure, in any Ports, Maritime Towns, or other Places, shall be still us'd and continu'd as formerly the same hath been, any thing in this Statute contain'd to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, That no Justice or Justices of the Peace, Mayor, Bayliff, or other Head-Officer, Churchwardens, Overseers, or any other authoriz'd by this Statute for the due execution thereof in any point, shall be sued, impleaded, or otherwise impeach'd for doing or executing their said Offices respectively: And if any Suit or Suits hereafter shall be commenc'd against them, or any of them, their Agents or Assistants touching the Premises, that then it shall and may be lawful for them, and every one of them, so sued or troubl'd in any Court or Courts whatsoever, to plead the general Issue, Not Guilty, and to give this Statute in Evidence, or any other special matter in Evidence.

And in case by or upon this Law, they or any of them shall be found not Guilty, or the Plaintiff be nonsuited, the Defendant or Defendants shall recover treble Costs against the Plaintiff for his unjust Vexation.

FINIS.